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ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2024

The Missouri Coalition of Recovery Support Providers is gearing up for its annual conference. This event will take place on March 4th and 5th at the Courtyard by Marriott in Jefferson City, MO.

This two-day event will feature distinguished guest speakers, including Suneal Menzies, Stan Archie, Scott Breedlove, and Rosie Anderson-Harper. This is a great opportunity to connect with and learn from like-minded individuals who share your passion for enriching the lives of citizens in Missouri. Mark your calendars – this is an event that you won't want to miss!

Executive Director Update

Our new website is live, offering a wealth of information and resources. Explore www.mcrsp.org today and subscribe for the latest updates and insights.

New Leadership Addition

The Missouri Coalition of Recovery Support Providers welcomes Christa Kiesling as the new Director of Administration and Outreach.

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Community Mini-Grants

The Missouri Coalition of Recovery Support Providers has awarded \$2,500 this month in funding to support community outreach.

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

House and Senate Appropriations Committees are in discussion with state departments on the governor-recommended FY2025 budget. Highlights include \$14.2 million for expanding opioid prevention, treatment, and recovery services and \$4.5 million for behavioral health staffing shortages. The House plans to formulate its budget before the March Legislative Spring Break.

MCRSP lobbyists, Rich AuBuchon and Trent Watson, are advocating for a \$10m request from Missouri Opioid Settlement Funds to support RSS Services. MCRSP is also advocating for tax credits and DMH requests.

MCRSP also supports Empower Missouri and their Clean Slate Initiative. Through this partnership, we aim to support individuals returning to the workforce, leading to a positive economic impact for Missouri. Learn more at their website: <https://empowermissouri.org/>

NEW LEADERSHIP

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Kiesling graduated with her Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Truman State University and recently earned her MBA. With former leadership roles at Jefferson City Country Club and Missouri Behavioral Health Council, she excels in enhancing operational efficiency and driving informed decision-making through data analysis.

MINI-GRANTS

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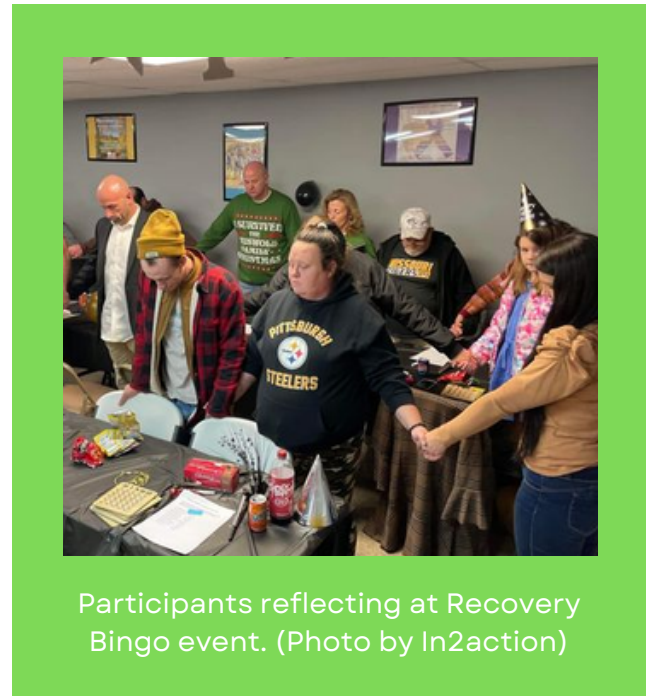
MCRSP receives \$30,000 annually from the Missouri Department of Mental Health to support community organizations in hosting local events that raise awareness about substance use, breaking the stigma, and connecting individuals to local resources. Organizations can apply for grants of up to \$1,500 to fund initiatives. Please visit our website for more details.



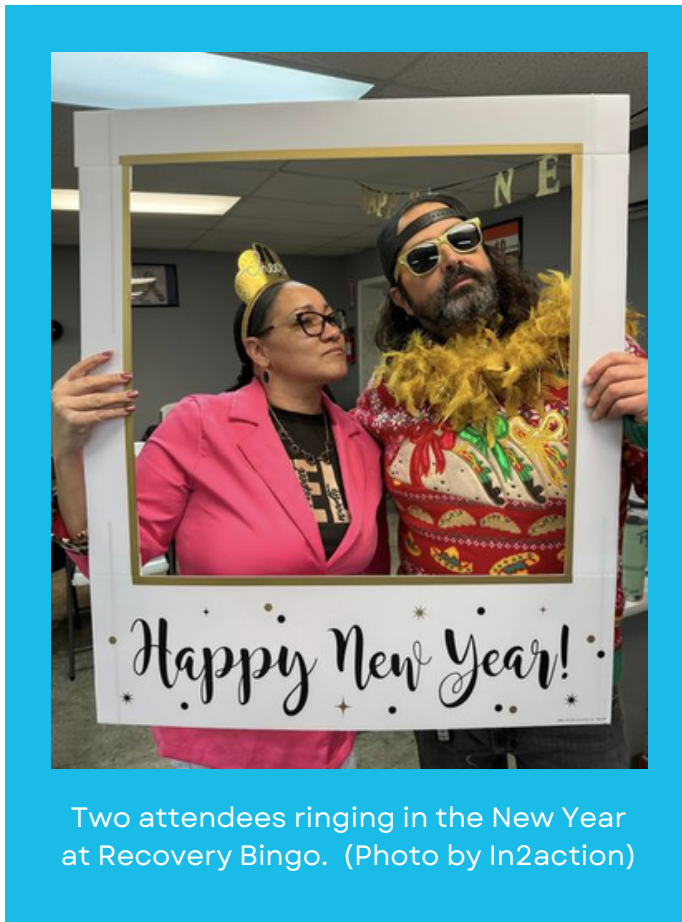
MINI-GRANT AWARDS



The Missouri Coalition of Recovery Support Providers awarded In2action a Community Outreach Mini Grant totaling \$1500 to support their Recovery Bingo event. This New Year's Eve event supports individuals in recovery, offering a sober, safe, and enjoyable space to ring in the new year while maintaining one's commitment to sobriety and progress towards recovery goals.



Participants reflecting at Recovery Bingo event. (Photo by In2action)



Two attendees ringing in the New Year at Recovery Bingo. (Photo by In2action)



The Missouri Coalition of Recovery Support Providers awarded Fresh Start Sober Living Programs a Community Outreach Mini Grant totaling \$1000 in support of their upcoming Callaway County Spring Recovery Celebration. Slated for March 16, 2024, this event serves as a pivotal platform to champion advocacy efforts, combat stigma prevalent in rural areas, extend outreach within the community, and advocate for recovery initiatives to policy makers and law enforcement. Through strategic engagement with local media outlets, the celebration aims to amplify its impact, fostering a broader understanding and acceptance of recovery within the community.

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